AND AS A FORMER OFFICER OF THE ARMY COMMIS-SARIAT, HE IS VIRULENTLY ANTI-WEST.

SERGEI OSTOSKY.

AS AN EXECUTIVE ON THE ECONOMICS COMMITTEE, HE DRAFTS THE EAST'S FOREIGN-TRADE POLICIES.

MISSION 60

AS A RESULT, FOREIGN MINISTER BRANTZ FLEW INTO A RAGE THE OTHER DAY WHEN THERE WEREN'T ANY STRAWBERRIES ON HIS BIRTHDAY CAKE.

HE'S THE ONE UNLAWFULLY RESTRICTING STRAWBERRY EXPORTS TO WESTALIS, CAUSING OUR NATIONAL STRAWBERRY SHORTAGE.

YES, MA'AM.

THIS WILL INEVITABLY ESCALATE INTO A FULL-BLOWN DIPLOMATIC CRISIS.

DO SOME-THING ABOUT IT.

YOU'RE LOOKING FOR SOMEONE WHO CAN FORGE A STATE SEAL?

YES. IF I CAN GET A FAKE EXPORT LICENSE, I SHOULD BE ABLE TO TAKE CARE OF THE REST.

LO

VE

OH, DON'T WORRY ABOUT THAT. HE'S AN ASSET OF MINE.

IS THIS PERSON TRUST-WORTHY?

...I KNOW SOMEONE WHO MIGHT HAVE THE RIGHT CONNECTIONS.

I CAN'T THINK OF ANYONE OFFHAND, BUT...

AH, DR. FORGER. I WANTED TO TALK TO YOU ABOUT THAT ACADEMIC CONFERENCE ...

...

OH, HAS THE SCHEDULE BEEN FINALIZED?

ANYTIME. IF IT INVOLVES PEACE BETWEEN EAST AND WEST, IT'S A PART OF MY MISSION TOO.

CHAK

I'M SORRY TO BOTHER YOU WITH THIS.

THANKS FOR YOUR HELP.

LUV

WHAT A WONDERFUL MAN YOU ARE, TWILIGHT.

I'LL ACHIEVE PEACE BETWEEN EAST AND WEST. AND I'LL DO IT ALL FOR YOU.

BEBEL

TMP
TMP
TMP

SO THIS IS THE LOCATION OF TWILIGHT'S INTEL GUY.

Press Button for "Service"

PRESS BUTTON FOR "SERVICE"

POKE

Press Button for "Service"

RSTL
RSTL

WHAT AN AMATEUR-ISH TRAP.

HMPH.

FSHHH

KLIT

WSH

CHAK

FWOOMP

CHAK

THWIP THWIP

BOING

WHSH

ROLL ROLL ROLL

I WALK ON FOUR LEGS IN THE MORNING, TWO DURING THE DAY, AND THREE IN THE EVENING. WHAT AM I?

...

?

FWA FWA

YOU'RE PRETTY GOOD, LADY.

CLICK

I HAVE A JOB FOR YOU.

"GOOD DAY. OR RATHER, GOOD EVENING."

OH? BIG FAN? HERE FOR AN AUTO-GRAPH?

AND YOU MUST BE THE ASSET. FRANKLIN?

A RIDICULOUS NAME FOR A RIDICULOUS MAN.

FRANKY FRANKLIN.

FWOP

BUT I DO GET THE JOB DONE.

THAT'S JUST MY CIGARETTE-STAND ALIAS, YA KNOW.

I got all excited over nothing.

OH, SO YOU'RE A FRIEND OF HIS.

HEY, DON'T GO! I'LL BE SERIOUS!

CLEARLY I'VE GOT THE WRONG MAN.

CHAK

I SWEAR, DON'T ANY OF YOU PEOPLE HAVE A SENSE OF HUMOR?!

POP!

AND YOU LOOK LIKE YOU MIGHT QUALIFY FOR MY SPECIAL PRETTY-LADY DISCOUNT. ♡

THIS ISN'T IN YOUR LEAGUE. IT NEEDS AN OFFICIAL SEAL.

ALSO, ANY FAVORITE FOODS? DO YOU LIKE MOVIES?

WHAT DOCUMENT? WHEN DO YOU NEED IT? HOW MUCH ARE YOU WILLING TO PAY?

JUST TELL ME WHAT YOU NEED, AND I'LL GET IT FROM A FRIEND OF MINE WHO EXCELS AT THAT SORT OF THING.

AH, FORGED PAPERS, HUH?

OKAY.

THERE'S NO TIME TO WASTE.

WE NEED TO MEET YOUR FRIEND NOW.

SHEESH!

WHERE IS THE TRUST?

THE MINISTER'S SON'S BIRTHDAY IS ONLY A FEW WEEKS AWAY.

I'M NOT GIVING YOU ANY-THING.

YOU INTRODUCE ME TO THIS FRIEND OF YOURS, AND I'LL MAKE THE DEAL.

REMEMBER, I CAN HAVE YOU INCARCERATED IF YOU REFUSE TO COOPERATE.

SO SPARE ME THE ATTITUDE AND DO AS I SAY.

...

IN THE UNDERWORLD, TRUST IS ALL THAT MATTERS.

MAYBE YOU SHOULD REMEMBER THAT WITHOUT ME, YOU'LL NEVER MEET THE COUNTER-FEITER.

TCH!

WELL, AREN'T YOU A DELIGHT.

Chickenxbear

I DON'T HAVE ANY IDEA WHERE HE LIVES!

IT DOESN'T WORK LIKE THAT!

THEN CALL HIM.

OOH. YOU SURE LIKE TO PLAY ROUGH, LADY. ♡

Where?

YANK

COME.

TAKE ME TO MEET THE COUNTER-FEITER.

TMP TMP TMP

Radio

THAT LAST DITTY WAS CALLED "HEARTS OF EAST AND WEST," THE BERLINT IN LOVE THEME SONG.

NOW LET'S OPEN THE PHONE LINES FOR SOME CALLERS.

Always good to hear from you.

HERE'S ONE FROM LONGTIME LISTENER "KING SCRUFFY."

HE SAYS, "RECENTLY, ON A WORK TRIP TO BAYAN, I HAD JUST ORDERED A WHISKEY AT THE BAR, WHEN—"

!

THAT'S THE PLACE?

EVER SINCE THE SECRET POLICE FIGURED OUT HIS IDENTITY, HE BARELY LEAVES THE HOUSE.

JUST DON'T BLAME ME IF HE DOESN'T SHOW, ALL RIGHT?

HM. LET'S SEE ...

SO GET ME AN APPROPRIATE DISGUISE.

YOU CAN'T GO IN THERE LOOKING LIKE THAT! YOU'VE GOT NARC WRITTEN ALL OVER YOU!

I'LL DO WHATEVER IT TAKES TO COMPLETE THIS MISSION FOR YOU, TWILIGHT.

This club's a haven for criminal activity.

WAIT! WAIT!

IF HE DOESN'T SHOW, WE'LL DEAL WITH IT THEN.

Let's go.

TMP

TA DAH

I HATE HATE THIS TW VERE TO SEE ME N A PLACE IKE THIS I ATE HATE TE HATE YTHING BOUT

READY WHEN YOU ARE, HONEY.

I KNOW THIS IS MY PLAN, BUT DAMN IS MY HEART RACING!

YA READY FOR THIS, BABY DOLL? ♡

Is this a date? This counts as a date, right?

BADMP
BADMP

YOU'RE THE ONE WHO DEMANDED I TAKE YOU HERE! SO SUCK IT UP!

IT'S NOT! I TOLD YOU, THIS CLUB'S MOSTLY FOR COUPLES!

I MEAN, I CAN'T SAY IT'S NOT A FANTASY OF MINE.

GASP

INCIDENTALLY, IF THIS "PLAN" IS JUST SO YOU CAN LIVE OUT SOME CREEPY FANTASY, I'M SHOOTING YOU DEAD THE MOMENT WE'RE DONE.

FRANKY?!

BOB, IT'S ME.

THIS CLUB IS BY INVITATION ONLY.

HOLD IT RIGHT THERE, SIR.

LET'S JUST DO THIS ALREADY!

THP

YO. SUP, BRO.

Total hottie, right?

HA HA! SEEING A WHOLE NEW SIDE OF ME, HUH?

I can't believe this.

YOU BEING WITH A WOMAN TOTALLY THREW ME OFF!

STAY POSITIVE, MY FRIENDS, AND YOUR TIME WILL COME.

DUDE, WHAT THE HELL? FOR REAL?

No way!

SUP.

GRRRP.

HEY, PAUL! C'MERE! COME CHECK OUT MY GIRLF—

HEH HEH HEH. WELL, WHAT CAN I SAY...

NO! WAY! YOU GOT A GIRL-FRIEND, FRANKY?!

YO. SUP.

BOOM SHAKA

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I JUST COULDN'T RESIST THE URGE TO SHOW OFF FOR ONCE.

I'M REALLY SORRY.

OR, I COULD SHOOT YOU RIGHT HERE AND NOW.

That would attract less suspicion.

GLANCE

GLANCE

OH!

OUR GUY'S HERE.

FWOMP

YOINK

WELL, IF IT ISN'T "THE QUILL" HIMSELF. IT'S BEEN A WHILE.

I've worked ♫ ... and you called ♫ ... called... found ♫ ... ♫

AND WHO ARE YOU EXACTLY?

HEY!

I HAVE A JOB FOR YOU.

SO HOW'S BUSINESS BEEN TREATING—

LOOK ELSEWHERE. I'M FAR TOO BUSY WITH NEW CLIENTS ANYWAY.

TOSS

Hey !!

Your offer and deadline are absurd.

I NEVER IMAGINED THAT ANSWERING THE REQUEST OF A FRIEND WOULD TURN OUT TO BE SUCH A PHENOMENAL WASTE OF TIME.

I'VE WRITTEN THE OFFER HERE. YOU HAVE FIVE DAYS.

DEAL FIRST, DETAILS LATER.

TOSS

IF YOU WANT ME TO LISTEN, THEN BRING ME AN OFFER WORTH HEARING.

NEVER MIND THAT...

TMP TMP

LISTEN TO ME!

AW, COME ON! DON'T GO!

ARE THEY CUSTOMERS OF YOURS? BECAUSE THEY LOOK LIKE SSS TO ME.

RMB RMB

THOSE TWO MEN TAILING US...

What do we do now?

NO WAY! WHAT KIND OF IDIOT DO YOU THINK I AM?

FRANKY! DON'T TELL ME YOU DID SOMETHING TO PICK UP A TAIL?

?!

SWISH

DAMN IT! I WON'T LET THEM TAKE ME!

YOU IDIOT!

OH, YOU'RE ONE TO TALK, FRANKY!

YEAH, IT'S GOTTA BE! THIS IS WHY I ALWAYS SAY YOU GOTTA BE MORE SELECTIVE...

Greed'll get you killed!

ARE YOU SURE YOUR "NEW CLIENTS" WEREN'T THE ONES WHO SLIPPED UP?

CLENCH

GASP

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I'VE HAD ONE SINCE THE MOMENT I WAS SEEN WITH YOU.

BUT...

ARE YOU INSANE? NOW YOU HAVE AN SSS TARGET ON YOUR BACK!

WHOA! LADY'S GOT SOME MOVES!

ON YOUR FEET!

YANK

AT LEAST WE CAN OFFER...

IF YOU WANT TO REPAY ME FOR SAVING YOU, LOSE THE SLOPPY CLIENTS AND TAKE MY JOB INSTEAD.

WHAP

CLAMP

SWASH

SHUP

...

NGH

...TO KEEP YOU SAFE!

TH

W

YOU CAN TRUST HER. MORE THAN YOUR USUAL CLIENTELE.

CHAK

BUT ...

C

K

BAM

LOOK OUT!

HEY!

YOU SAW THE BAD GUY HAD A GUN, RIGHT?! LOOK, I GOT GRAZED! IT HURTS!

RIGHT HERE!

NO, IT'S NOT LIKE THAT! THIS ISN'T ABOUT GETTING ON TOP OF YOU!

WHY, YOU...

FOR NOW, LET'S HEAD WEST ON 13TH AND FIND A PLACE TO HIDE.

WE'LL TALK MORE THERE.

TMP TMP

NO, HOLD UP!

SIGH ...

HMPH.

URGH

STOP TALKING. I KNOW.

OH... GUESS YOU DIDN'T NEED MY HELP AFTER ALL.

You threw that knife earlier...

DON'T UNDERESTIMATE ME, LADY. I'VE LIVED IN THIS COUNTRY A LONG TIME.

IF I WANTED TO DISAPPEAR, EVEN YOU PEOPLE WOULD NEVER FIND ME.

SO YOU ACTUALLY CAN BE AN "ASSET."

Okay.

BUT THERE'S A TUNNEL UP AHEAD THAT NO ONE USES. WE CAN TAKE THAT SOUTH.

THERE ARE A LOT OF SSS SNITCHES DOWN THAT WAY.

THIS COUNTRY'S TOO RIGID. TOO OPPRES-SIVE.

I'M JUST NOT A FAN OF THE WAY THE EAST DOES THINGS.

OH, I'M NOT ON ANYONE'S SIDE.

SO WHY BE ON OUR SIDE AT ALL?

HA HA HA! I FEEL THAT.

Heh heh heh ...

GUESS I'M GOING THROUGH A REBELLIOUS PHASE.

SO I LIKE TO SHAKE THINGS UP WITH A LITTLE TROUBLE SOMETIMES.

YOU REALLY ARE AWFUL, YOU KNOW THAT? DOES ANYONE LIKE YOU?

SHUT UP BEFORE I SHOOT YOU.

PATHETIC.

Such small men.

HONK HONK

CHATTER

CHATTER

TOBACCO

HOW'S IT GOING, GRUMPY LADY?

TMP

I'LL TAKE A COPY OF *THE DAILY OST*, PLEASE.

RUSTLE

THE QUILL WORKED EXTRA FAST ON THIS ONE.

I GOT WHAT YOU'RE LOOKIN' FOR RIGHT HERE.

CLENCH

THOSE SSS AGENTS... THERE'S NO WAY IT WAS YOU WHO CALLED 'EM ON US, RIGHT?

I HAVE NO IDEA WHAT YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT.

BY THE WAY, I GOTTA ASK...

HE BILLED YOU 50 PERCENT MORE FOR IT THOUGH.

GLAD TO HEAR IT.

HUH?

BY THE WAY, DO ANY OF YOUR ACQUAINTANCES FORGE FINE ART? AND DO YOU KNOW ANY GOOD SAFECRACKERS?

Sheesh.

SUCH UGLY METHODS FROM SUCH A PRETTY GIRL...

I'LL BE BACK WITH ANOTHER JOB FOR YOU SOON.

Never again!

ARE YOU KIDDING ME HERE?! IF I WORK WITH YOU ANY LONGER, I'M NOT GONNA HAVE ANY FRIENDS LEFT!

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